BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2011-167-E - ORDER NO. 2011-365

MAY 24, 2011

IN RE:	Request of South Carolina Electric & Gas)	ORDER WAIVING
	Company for Authority to Sell Certain Real)	COMPETITIVE BID
	Property to Timothy D. Sinclair)	PROCESS AND
)	APPROVING SALE

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on a request by South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G" or the "Company") for approval to waive the bidding requirement of Order No. 92-931 (dated November 13, 1992) and authority to sell certain real property to Timothy D. Sinclair. According to the Application, SCE&G seeks to sell a tract of land near Lake Murray of approximately 1.43 acres, located at the intersection of Regatta Road and River Road in Lexington County. The tract is classified as non-utility property on the Company's books and is accordingly not included in SCE&G's rate base. No cost associated with the property has been included in any utility rates or rate calculations. Mr. Sinclair, acting as agent for, and on behalf of the estates of Hodges T. Harmon, Annie Elizabeth H. Ellison, and Sadie Lee Miller (the "Harmon Family"), seeks to purchase the SCE&G tract, which is located directly adjacent to a tract owned by the Harmon Family, for \$70,000.

Order No. 92-931 requires that SCE&G must engage in a competitive bidding process if it seeks to engage in the sale of real property worth in excess of \$50,000. The

purpose of this bidding requirement is to protect against affiliate preferences and insure

that SCE&G disposes of real property in a manner which promotes fair and equitable

treatment of the parties to the transaction, potential bidders, and SCE&G customers.

SCE&G and the Harmon Family are unaffiliated with one another. Furthermore,

SCE&G has no present or future plans or use for the tract at issue here. The Harmon

Family is the only adjoining landowner. Sale of the land at issue to Mr. Sinclair will

have no adverse effect upon SCE&G customers.

Under the facts presented here, we find that the public interest will be served by

an order waiving the competitive bid requirement contained in Order No. 92-931 and

approving the proposed sale of the SCE&G tract to Timothy D. Sinclair. Therefore, we

grant SCE&G's request for waiver of the bidding requirement and approve the sale.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the

Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

John E. Howard, Chairman

ATTEST:

David A. Wright, Vice Chairman

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